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HYBL ASSUMES POST OF PSC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LINCOLN – Former legislative attorney and telecommunications representative Mike Hybl stressed loyalty with the staff of the Nebraska Public Service Commission when he recently became the Commission's executive director.

Meeting with Commission employees on his first day, Hybl said, "Ultimately, loyalty lies to the institution with obligations to the people you work for." Those people include the Commissioners, "and ultimately, the taxpayer."

Hybl sees his new job as an opportunity to once again work in the public arena. His appointment by the five-member elected Commission grew from "a desire to get back into public service."

Following graduation from the University of Nebraska College of Law, he served as assistant counsel to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee and Legal Counsel to the Agriculture Committee, twice worked in the speaker's office under Senators Bill Nichol and Doug Kristensen, and spent several years as the Legal Counsel to the Unicameral's Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

In those capacities, Hybl learned about facets of the Public Service Commission. The Transportation Committee has oversight on telecommunications and motor transportation issues while the Agriculture Committee deals with grain warehouse matters, among the areas in which the Commission has regulatory responsibilities.

Following his time with the Legislature, Hybl was a representative with Great Plains Communications, a telecommunications provider headquartered in Blair, and most recently was with Consortia Consulting,.

Hybl brings to the Public Service Commission experience on public policy through the Legislature, but also with a view from the private sector in the regulated side of regulation. He anticipates serving as a balancing factor, having seen both sides. “Hopefully, that is a perspective that will benefit the Commission.”

The public’s role has not been lost on Hybl. “They are the bosses,” he said.

As executive director, Hybl directs the work of the Commission’s staff, mostly located on the third floor of The Atrium at 1200 N Street in downtown Lincoln. He also is accountable to carry out the mandates of the Legislature and the Commission. Hybl sees the executive director as a coordinator, “making sure goals and policies that the Commissioners are setting are being met with the needs and obligations that the staff has.”

In his first week on the job, Hybl said he has been impressed with the quality of the Commission’s workforce. “The Commission, especially at the department level, has a highly experienced and qualified set of directors. All of the departments are very well managed.”

Hybl, 54, and his wife Chris Dibbern, general counsel at NMPP Energy, have two children: Pat, a first-year student at the University of Portland, and Emma, a ninth grade student at Lincoln Lutheran High School.

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